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Mum's fury at safety seat bungle

A SHOCKED mum branded her baby's safety seat a "death trap" after it was incorrectly fitted by staff at a Harlow car accessories store – and warned other parents their children could also be at risk.

Halfords, in Howard Way, has launched an internal investigation after admitting to errors made when Janine Price (38) visited the store to have a seat fitted for 10-month-old daughter Lilamae.

Now the store has told customers who have had car seats fitted they can return to have them checked for safety.

Ms Price, from Stanstead Abbots, only realised something was wrong when she returned to the shop to find out how to recline the new seat. She

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was shocked to be told by the branch manager it was a model unsuitable for her car and was therefore not fitted safely.

A different seat she had purchased for her mother's car was also found to be the wrong design.

"I was just shaking when the manager told me," she told the **Star**. "I had my baby in my arms and I just burst into tears. To think that I'd been driving around for almost a month with my daughter sitting in a death trap – thank God nothing happened to her, but it so easily could have done."

Ms Price, who had responded to the company's advertisements promoting the expert fitting by trained child car seat specialists, added: "This makes a mockery of their claim to be fully trained



SHAKEN: Mum Janine with baby Lilamae in the seat which was fitted incorrectly (photo: X7QGSBGX/01)

experts.

"The two seats were fitted on different days by different members of staff, but both of them messed it up. How many more fittings have they bungled? I just want to warn people to get their child seats checked out."

Although a Halfords spokeswoman admitted that both Ms Price and her mother had been sold child seats unsuitable for their vehicles, she claimed similar incidents were very rare and said a full investi-

gation into the matter is under way.

"The fitters have been identified and instructed not to fit any further child seats until the matter has been resolved," she added. "In addition, the fitters have also undergone an extensive refresher-training course."

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Mentors needed to assist addicts

A CHARITY helping drug addicts to turn their lives around is seeking volunteers as it expands into Harlow.

SOVA – the Society of Voluntary Associates – runs more than 30 different crime reduction projects throughout the country and has been operating its drug intervention programme from Chelmsford since 2005.

The project aims to cover the whole of Essex but currently has no mentors based in Harlow and is now looking for people in the town to get involved and make a difference in the area.

Brian Hunt, who lived in Harlow for many years but now resides in Maldon, is heading up the drive to establish a presence for the charity in his former home town.

"What we are looking for in Harlow and the surrounding area are people who are prepared to work as mentors for people who are affected by drug addiction, have become part of the criminal justice system as a result, and are asking for help in combating their condition," he said.

Volunteers can expect to contribute about two hours a week and there are a range of different activities involved, including befriending, support work on a one-to-one basis and group work in prisons. The charity also helps rehabilitated offenders to find accommodation.

In return, volunteers receive training which will not only enable them to fulfil their duties with the charity but could also help them in their employment and provide a useful addition to their CV.

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Cadets join nursing elite



TWO St John Ambulance cadets from Harlow have been named third best in the country for their skills.

Sheena Gupta (16), above left, and Rachel Bateria (15), right, competed against teams from all parts of the UK on Saturday in the national final of the knock-out tournament which

began in March.

As well as their first aid and home nursing abilities, their communication skills were also put to the test, with one of the 'casualties' only speaking Bulgarian!

For their third-place performance, they were awarded the Pownall Cup.

Derek takes a jump

DAREDEVIL funeral director Derek Oakley has continued his employer's long-standing support of St Clare Hospice with a 3,500ft parachute jump.

Mr Oakley, funeral manager at Daniel Robinson & Sons, in Wych Elm, Harlow, has so far raised about £700 in sponsorship from friends and colleagues. To date, the firm has raised £400,000 for the hospice.

Mr Oakley (42) said: "We have organised golf days, charity balls, seminars and walks but this was one avenue which we had not tried. I think it will be the first and last time as far as I'm concerned, though!"

To make a donation call (01279) 426990.

Get ready for Relay

A CANCER survivor taking part in the Relay For Life fundraiser in Sawbridgeworth for the second time next month is calling on others to do the same.

Rachel Willis took part in the opening lap of honour at last year's event, along with others who have survived the disease, and this year is on the organising committee for the 24-hour event at The Leventhorpe School on August 2-3.

For information, call (01279) 657719 or email hallingburyhighflyers@gmail.com.

Roman helmet demo

A DEMONSTRATION of how to make a replica late Roman infantry helmet from a piece of sheet steel takes place on Saturday at The Museum of Harlow, in Muskham Road. Visitors are welcome.

Ladies on the move

CHANGES are afoot at Harlow 2002 Ladies Group, with the club changing its meeting days from the fourth Monday of the month to the second. For information, call Barbara Marsh on (01279) 418990.



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Historic house is damaged by fire

FIRE has ripped through Kingsmoor House two years after Harlow Council's decision to abandon the historic building.

The blaze, which is being treated as suspicious by police, started at 7.45pm on Saturday at the rear of the grade II* listed mansion in Paringdon Road.

Flames tore through the basement and it took five fire crews two hours to make the boarded-up, derelict property safe.

A council spokesman said it was only the

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prompt action of a council worker who raised the alarm which prevented greater damage.

The incident has renewed calls for the house to be put to use or sold following fears it would be left vulnerable when it was mothballed as a community building in 2006.

Back then, council chiefs promised it would be retained for future community use but the **Star** later discovered that, behind

closed doors, the possibility of selling the site for housing was discussed.

Council leader Andrew Johnson said his warning two years ago that leaving the building empty could put it at the mercy of vandals had been vindicated. "I hold to what I said then: all assets we decide to dispose of should be disposed of quickly."

Harlow Civic Society vice chairman John Curry said: "Kingsmoor House is an important part of Harlow's heritage and the council should treat it as such. I would like to see it retained as a community asset, but having it empty and derelict is the worst of all worlds."

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Kids find cause for a llama!



LLAMA CHARMERS: Above, David Kanabaheta (3) gets up close and personal (photo: JVBTMQFV/07); right, star attraction Mark (photo: JVBTMQFV/01)

LITTLE charmers went bananas for llamas when their childminders took them on a special trip to Harlow's petting zoo on Monday.

The Church Langley Childminders' Association took their young charges to visit a few woolly friends at Pets' Corner, in the Town Park, after the group decided to sponsor the South American beasts for the next year.

Childminder Edwina Clarke said: "The kids all really enjoyed the trip - especially when they met the llamas! We sponsor a different animal every year and the children love going to visit because it's always such a fun day out for them."

Police win praise for investigation

TWO Harlow police officers and a support worker were praised at an Essex Police commendation ceremony this week.

Detective Superintendent Tim Wills, Detective Constable Ray O'Hare and Diane Hitchings, all from the force's Harlow Major Investigation Team, were recognised at Monday's ceremony for their contribution to a 2006 murder investigation.

The three were involved in an investigation into the serious sexual assault and murder of 89-year-old Catherine Grossthephan, in Theydon Bois, which resulted in the conviction of Scott Thompson, who was subsequently jailed for 29 years.

Mr Wills led the investigation alongside Detective Chief Inspector Liam Osborne, while Mr O'Hare acted as the family liaison officer and his commendation recognises the professionalism, compassion and attention to detail he exhibited in this duty.

Miss Hitchings was recognised for her administrative work, which led to the complex case file being compiled quickly and efficiently.

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Town centre manager Richard Dennerly made the call ahead of a morale-boosting pep talk to the Town Centre Partnership's second business forum yesterday (Wednesday).

While claiming Harlow is demographically and geographically well-placed to survive the bleak economic climate, he said the overwhelming message to businesses must be one of greater cooperation.

"Everybody's looking at a very tough time at the moment ... what is clear is that Harlow businesses need to work together to increase their share of a shrinking pie. We need to increase the number of customers who come into the town centre, spend their money there and want to return."

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Council workers take to the picket line



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COUNCIL services in Harlow are due to be disrupted again today (Thursday) as staff join the picket line as part of a national strike.

The 48-hour walkout began at midnight yesterday (Wednesday) and is due to run until midnight tonight in protest at a below-inflation national pay offer of 2.45 per cent.

It is thought more than 50 per cent of Unison Harlow's 200-plus members are supporting the walk-out, affecting services throughout the town, including the Latton Bush Centre.

Some schools are also said to have been hit as cooks, dinner supervisors and teaching assistants employed by Essex County Council join in the action.

Toilets shut to cut back costs

PUBLIC toilets in Harlow which cost the taxpayer up to £18.50 a visit have been flushed away by Harlow Council.

The authority is to shut two automatic toilets in Post Office Road and one in Potter Street, along with conveniences in Old Harlow, Staple Tye and one situated within the Town Park's walled garden.

The move will save the financially desperate authority an estimated £2m during the next 15 years.

Tuesday's environment and community committee heard each of the automatic conveniences, which will close in September next year, are used on average four times a day and cost the council £74

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daily – working out at £18.50 per visit.

However, the town centre's bus terminus toilet will have extended opening hours of 7am-7pm, seven days a week from this September.

It was also agreed to spend £60,000 to maintain the two remaining facilities in the Town Park and another in The Stew.

Sue Livings (Conservative) was pleased the Old Harlow toilet will be shut, saying: "The anti-social behaviour that goes on there is a worry to all the residents living nearby."

"It's frightening to see children walking past while all this is going on, so I welcome its closure."

Lorna Spenceley (Liberal Democrat) was more cautious: "I fully accept it's not good financial sense to keep them, as people spending a penny is costing us a fortune, but I am concerned about the wholesale proposal. I am worried about people who may have a more urgent need to use public conveniences, such as those with Crohn's disease."

She successfully sought an amendment for the council to consult with local shopkeepers to find a nearby alternative and told the **Star** afterwards that the possibility of a financial incentive for local businesses to make their toilets available was not out of the question.

Tony Hall (Con) also requested signage be put on the defunct conveniences, indicating where the nearest toilet is located.

Cannabis 'factories' alert

POLICE are urging residents to shop suspected drugs dens amid fears more homes in the area are being used to cultivate cannabis.

In the past few weeks, hundreds of plants have been seized in raids on three homes in Roydon and Nazeing. Each followed tip-offs from residents, with the last operation netting more than 400 plants at a semi-detached home in Roydon.

Epping Forest crime reduction officer Tony Ellis said: "It seems that these cannabis 'factories' have become more prevalent recently. The plants are grown hydroponically under strong lighting, which causes the plant to grow quickly and to produce a stronger drug content."

"Many of these plants can produce an hallucinogenic effect when smoked or ingested. In order to produce the lighting required to grow them, the occupant will often tamper with the electrics in the house which may create a fire hazard."

Signs indicating a house may be being used to grow cannabis include windows and doors kept shut in even in the hottest weather and curtains or blinds closed even during daylight hours.

"I am asking the public, particularly the many members of Neighbourhood Watch, to cast a watchful eye around where they live," he added.

Contact Mr Ellis on (01279) 625525 or via tony.ellis@essex.pnn.police.uk.

Revolving doors hurt toddler

A TODDLER suffered a serious hand injury when he stumbled into the revolving doors at Harlow's Civic Centre on Monday.

The 14-month-old was with his mother when he collided with the doors. As he fell, the door went over his left hand.

Harlow Council last year promised to have the revolving doors replaced with sliding ones but the work has yet to be carried out.

The authority has received complaints from visitors about the doors' safety and officers have asked councillors to consider their replacement.

A budget of £19,000 was originally set aside for the work, but it was dropped in February by the policy and resources committee as a cost-cutting measure to avoid a multi-million pound financial deficit.

One onlooker on Monday

said there was panic as council staff and visitors were unable to locate the emergency stop button while the injured toddler was on the floor.

A council spokesman said staff administered first aid and called an ambulance. An investigation is currently underway.

He would not comment on the claim that the emergency button could not be located.

Demolition of Spurriers may be illegitimate

THE legitimacy of demolishing the former Spurriers site in Harlow Town Park has been questioned – by a member of the committee which agreed it.

A Harlow Council special planning committee in March voted to replace the former skate park with a rose garden after members had apparently agreed to defer the matter at a meeting in February.

But at a planning meeting on Tuesday, Jean Clark (Labour) disputed the official record from February and insisted the plan had been unanimously refused, before a second vote was taken to defer.

Mrs Clark branded the bizarre chain of events "farfetched" and said: "Unfortunately, it is too late to do anything about this now as the site was promptly demolished, but we need to take a long hard look at this and its ramifications for the democratic process to ensure it doesn't happen again."

Committee chairman Mike Garnett (Conservative) – who was acting chairman in February – said he had followed correct procedures and the meeting deferred the decision because the "prime cause of concern for those who voted against it was the prickly bushes, which was not a legitimate planning reason ... for refusal."

The controversial vote prompted outrage from Harlow Civic Society, which has lodged a formal complaint with the Local Government Ombudsman.

Society vice-chairman John Curry said: "If the decision had gone through in a clear, open and democratic way, I would hold my hands up and say 'fair enough'. But everyone present at the meeting that night knows that wasn't the case and, although it's too late to save the site from demolition, we have submitted a complaint in the interests of upholding the democratic process – someone needs to be held to account."

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No evidence in rape case trial

A MAN accused of committing a rape in Harlow 18 years ago has walked free after the prosecution offered no evidence. Alan Morton (55) had been due to stand trial at Basildon Crown Court over the alleged incident in Rye Hill Road in 1990.

But on Monday, Essex Police and the Crown Prosecution Service formally offered no evidence and the jury was told to find Mr Morton not guilty. Senior investigating officer Detective Chief Superintendent John Quinton said: "It is disappointing that the case against Alan Morton has failed at this stage. We will be looking at the issues surrounding this case and drawing out any lessons which can be learnt."

Beetling around is a bug's life at airfield



LIFE was a drag and there was plenty of bugging going on at North Weald Airfield on Sunday.

Volkfest London saw thousands of people showing off their Volkswagens, from Beetles to Campervans, as well as all types of cars having the opportunity to make the most of the airfield's drag strip.

Stalls selling the latest accessories were also enjoyed by families, who were dazzled by the entrants in the 'best in show' car competition.

Volkswagen car clubs from throughout the country were represented and there was even a chance for owners to sell their vehicles on a pitch costing £5, with the proceeds going towards charity. Pictured, left, is Eloise Summers (7) in her dad Ashley's Sidewinder beach buggy.

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Angle tenants get assurance

TENANTS at The Angle housing scheme in Harlow have been reassured they have until the end of the year to find alternative accommodation – despite receiving letters this week which appeared to order them out within a month.

Housing association South Anglia said the 60-plus residents of the Fourth Avenue block, due to be demolished next year, have nothing to fear and the letters are simply a "legal process".

The letters alarmed tenants, many of whom previously lived rough, with some fearing the association was going back on a promise to allow them to stay until after Christmas while local charity Streets2Homes works to find alternatives for them.

Bin collection change furore

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PROPOSALS to scrap weekly bin collections in Harlow have been met with outrage and condemnation from residents.

The *Star* has been inundated with letters, emails and calls from people upset at the plan, which will see the introduction of alternate weekly collections of residual waste and recyclable materials from separate wheeled bins in April next year.

As well as widespread anger that they were not consulted, fears about hygiene, bad odours and vandalism were among the complaints voiced, as were concerns over the suitability of some homes to accommodate the new bins, which many also feel will be unsightly.

Dickie Doobey commented on *harlowstar.co.uk*: "Hopefully, the ridiculous imposition of wheeled bins – regardless of whether a property is suitable or not – and the complex rat- and fly-friendly fortnightly collections will engender widespread civil disobedience around the town as people refuse to get on board



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with it."

Mrs T. Adkins said: "How can Harlow's mainly terraced houses deal with these bins? When you go through places where they have them, they look like shanty towns and litter is everywhere."

Susan Webb added: "Harlow will stink of rubbish and every house will be an eyesore with ugly big bins stuck outside. Why is it the people voted in to represent us completely forgot our opinion on these important matters?"

Other comments called for a cut in council tax because of the changes.

A livid Ron Waller said: "I thought the local council was in place to provide a service to the community. The removal of weekly

rubbish collections is hardly an improvement – can we now expect a reduction in our council tax to reflect the 50 per cent drop in the service?"

In response to the flood of criticism, council leader Andrew Johnson attempted to defend his administration's decision with his own post on the *Star*'s website, claiming "most people" were happy with the plans.

"There will not be smelly rubbish hanging around – we as a council have said we want to KEEP weekly collection of food waste," he said. "Most people who I have spoken to are very happy with the idea when they know that food waste and nappies will still be collected weekly."

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Backing female bishops

A CONTROVERSIAL decision by church leaders to allow the ordination of female bishops has been backed by Harlow's top Anglican clergyman.

Archdeacon of Harlow, the Venerable Peter Taylor, believes there are female clergy locally

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'Trusted' thief gets jail term

A BEAUTICIAN who stole jewellery and cash worth more than £40,000 from a friend has been jailed for nine months.

Chantale Morris (37), of Ladyshot, Harlow, first stole Rolex watches and designer gems from Jane Milligan after meeting her at a Harlow beauty salon and also took £1,300 cash from her handbag.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard on Thursday that Morris told police: "I took the jewellery and money because Ms Milligan's got so much and I've got nothing."

The court was told Morris, who

pleaded guilty to theft, first stole after being invited to stay at Ms Milligan's Wicken Bonhunt home. She sold the items to a jeweller for £2,200 and, among other things, used the money to buy a £700 second-hand car.

At a later date, she was with Ms Milligan at the hairdressers and stole cash given to the latter by her boyfriend to bank.

When confronted by her boss and Ms Milligan, Morris denied the thefts but later admitted them.

Prosecuting, Mark Lakin said £12,500 worth of jewellery was still missing but £1,300 had been repaid.

Jane Oldfield, in mitigation, said although high value items were taken, Morris got just over £2,000.

"She had bottled everything up, didn't talk about things, leaving them to fester, and had committed offences as a cry for help, a need for attention," she said.

Morris, who had lost her partner of six years as a result, was said to have suffered depression for a long time and was hospitalised earlier this year after taking an overdose of medication.

Jailing Morris, Judge Peter Fenn said: "These were thefts of substantial value committed in a gross breach of trust placed in you by someone who thought you were her friend."

He added Morris was "no stranger to criminal courts" and had a long record of dishonesty.

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Council is looking at asset sale

HARLOW Council has begun the process of disposing of assets in a bid to balance its finances – with a meeting held in secret.

Residents and the Press were barred from the special policy and resources committee meeting on Thursday at which the council's new 'asset management plan' was approved.

Officers will now analyse all of the authority's buildings against a set criteria and judge whether their retention is necessary for "the direct or indirect support of service priorities and corporate objectives."

Council leader Andrew Johnson told the **Star** any final decisions over disposals would be discussed and voted on by the policy and resources committee.



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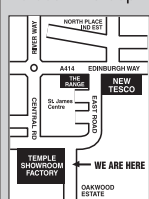
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Town signs up for Mandela birthday book



HARLOW Council chairman Tony Hall became the first resident to sign a birthday book in the town to mark the 90th birthday of Nelson Mandela.

The council set up the book because of the links former South African president Mr Mandela's name has with the town – in 1983, when he was still considered a terrorist by many politicians in the West and was in jail for his struggle against apartheid, First Avenue was renamed First Avenue-Mandela Avenue in his honour.

The road sign was officially unveiled by his eldest daughter Zenani, her husband Prince Dlamini and local councillors in a ceremony

which coincided with the launch of a local petition for him to be freed.

Signing the book on Tuesday, Mr Hall said: "Nelson Mandela's passion for freedom, equality and tolerance is an example and inspiration to us all. This book, which we are providing for the people of Harlow to each record their individual appreciation for his life, will be sent to the great man for him to read."

After a few days in the Civic Centre reception, the book will be available at Saturday's Pamoja cultural awareness event, in Broadwalk.

Pictured, left, are Mr Hall and Edna Stevens signing the book.

(photo: GJR/JFHCX/04)

Police dawn raid at traveller sites

By OLIVER GODFREY
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ELEVEN arrests were made in a series of dawn raids at traveller sites in Harlow.

Search warrants were executed at sites in Fern Hill Lane, Gibb Croft and Elizabeth Way in the joint operation between Essex and Hertfordshire police forces.

Codenamed Operation Pict, the raids on Thursday saw quantities of suspected stolen scrap metal, vehicles and power tools seized by specialist search teams.

A number of animals were also taken into care, amid concerns for their welfare.

Officers were accompanied by officials from Harlow Council, British Telecom, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and HM Revenue and Customs.

Police said the aim of the operation was for officers in the two counties to work together to target everyday crime in and around west Essex and east Hertfordshire, in pursuit of reductions in robbery, violent crime and car crime offences.

Following the raids, police maintained high-visibility patrols in the areas.

Harlow divisional commander Chief Superintendent Tim Stokes said: "This successful operation was specifically planned to target individuals and not communities."

"We have had a lot of support from local people and I assure them we will continue to target any individuals involved in crime and bring them to justice."

Harlow Council deputy leader Simon Carter (Conservative) added: "We will do whatever we can to crack down on criminal activities. This operation is a good example of the partnership work that exists in the town."

"We want the town to be a safer place and action like this sends out a strong message to



RAID: Officers lead away a man during Operation Pict on Thursday

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those involved in criminal activity, or those thinking about getting involved in crime, that we will not hesitate to support the police and use the powers available to us."

All those arrested in the raids lived in Harlow: a 56-year-old man was cautioned for possessing a Taser stun gun, a 42-year-old man was cautioned for obstructing a police officer and a 35-year-old man was

cautioned for theft.

A 25-year-old man, 22-year-old man, 18-year-old man and 36-year-old woman have been released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Three men, aged 24, 27 and 30, are being investigated by Hertfordshire Constabulary. A 51-year-old man was released without charge.

Man hurt in assault

A MAN suffered cuts and bruises to the head after being assaulted in Harlow's Post Office Road.

The 51-year-old was hurt in an incident on Saturday at 3.45am.

Two males, aged 17 and 18, from Harlow were arrested on suspicion of causing actual bodily harm.

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Police give knife crime assurances

POLICE have sought to reassure residents that Harlow is a safe place to live, despite the growing problem of knife crime in other parts of the country.

The latest figures released by Essex Police show a slight annual increase in the number of reported crimes in which a knife was used, seen or brandished – rising to 68 incidents last year from a total of 62 in 2006.

By
CHRIS MOSS

Princess Alexandra Hospital also reported a slight increase in the number of patients being treated in A&E for stab wounds – yet there have still only been 10 cases recorded in the past nine months.

Police claim they are working tirelessly to combat the menace, but maintain that Harlow – and, indeed, the whole county – remains safer than other areas.

Inspector Kevin Whipp, Essex Police head of children and young people, said: “Essex is a safe county and one which thankfully does not experience the same level of knife crime as seen in other areas of the country.”

“However, one incident is one too many and Essex Police will deal robustly with anyone found to be committing an offence.”

He outlined some of the initiatives police are using to tackle knife crime, including the use of airport-style security archways which can detect whether people are concealing a weapon.

“These will be used across the county in police operations to enforce and educate against knife crime,” he added.

A PAH NHS Trust spokesman said the hospital had no plans to provide its frontline staff with stab vests, despite claims in several national newspapers that trusts throughout the country were ordering body armour to protect staff from potential assaults.

“Although we have no plans to equip staff with stab vests, we would like to make it clear that we will not tolerate any threatening or violent behaviour towards any member of staff,” he added.

Bike safety day aimed at young



THE risks and responsibilities of motorcycling were taught to young people at a special Bikesafe day in Harlow.

Essex Police, Essex County Fire & Rescue and the county council teamed up with Evolution Road Training Centre, in Edinburgh Way, to run the event on Sunday.

Bikers had the chance to ride out with a police motorcyclist or qualified instructor to assess their skills on the road.

County Hall highways cabinet member Norman Hume said: “Riders aged 16-18 are over-represented in casualty statistics. This is something I, and the Casualty Reduction Board, take very seriously.”

Pictured above, left to right, are officer Nick Calpin, Evolution's Simon Smith and Kim Shenton.

(photo: K3FZKLV/04)

Fake cigarettes seized

AN illegal stash of more than 500,000 cigarettes has been seized in Harlow.

The cigarettes originated in China and are thought to have been destined for Essex markets. They were confiscated in a raid by Customs officers last Friday.

As well as costing the taxpayer

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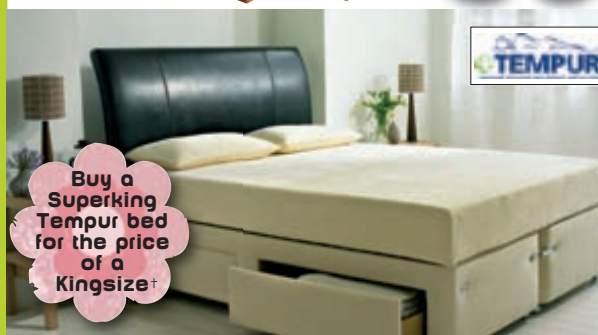
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The aim last year was to improve a single area of town but such was the response that two projects were chosen for a makeover – Cook's Spinney Wood and Church End pond. In addition, a further 11 smaller works nominated by **Harlow Star** readers were undertaken by Kier Harlow.

This year we are inviting community groups, societies, tenant associations and charity or voluntary organisations to nominate a project which they would like to undertake and which will benefit both their group and the wider community.

Examples of projects that would be considered suitable as a Harlow Hotspot are:

- creating a sensory garden
 - designing and creating a sculpture made from local natural sources
 - enhancing a favourite area (eg placing benches at a scenic area)
 - clearing up a natural beauty spot
 - creating a small nature zone for wildlife
 - planting trees or creating a flower bed
- These are just a few suggestions but we really want to hear your ideas. Remember, the project must benefit both your group and the wider community, so the area you would like to see enhanced must be accessible to the public. Unlike last year we will not be considering projects nominated by individuals.

The closing date for entries is Thursday, August 14.

Entries will then be whittled down to a shortlist of three finalists and you will then have the chance to vote for your favourite on the **Harlow Star** website or at Harlow Renaissance's marquee at the Harlow Town Show on Sunday, August 31.

Andrew Bramidge, chief executive of Harlow Renaissance, said: "We are immensely pleased to be working with our partners again with Hotspots 2008."

Help us enhance a Harlow Hotspot



"Hotspots 2007 exceeded all our expectations and demonstrated the strong sense of passion and commitment to helping improve the community environment by so many local people. We look forward to receiving some innovative and bold ideas from local groups which will help people see Harlow a little bit differently."

To suggest a project, print off the nomination form on the Harlow Star website at www.harlowstar.co.uk or the Harlow Renaissance website at www.harlowrenaissance.co.uk, fill it in and then send it, along with a photograph of the area in question, to Nicola Bowland, Harlow Renaissance, 5 Mitre Buildings, Harlow CM20 1DR. Alternatively, you can telephone (01279) 400683 to request a form by post.

Remember, you only have until August 14 to submit a nomination



CONTENDER: One project already in the running for a place on the shortlist for this year's Harlow Hotspots is Old Hall Rise pond off Church Langley Way. It has been nominated by Harlow Conservation Volunteers and local residents

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Nominations must be submitted by a community group, society, tenant association or charity or voluntary organisation. We regret we cannot accept nominations by an individual.

Closing date for nominations is August 14, 2008. No nominations will be accepted after this date.

The general public must be able to access the project area nominated free of charge.

Projects must be between the value of £1,000 to a maximum of £5,000 inclusive of materials and any specialist resources or labour required.

Projects should be within the group's immediate locality and benefit both the group and the wider community. The project must either develop or enhance the environment.

Event-related activities should not be submitted.

All entries will be considered by a panel including representatives from Harlow Renaissance, Harlow Star, Harlow Council and Essex County Council. Finalists will be advised in writing and will be promoted in the Harlow Star. Voting will take place on the Harlow Star and Harlow Renaissance websites, and in the Harlow Renaissance marquee at the Harlow Town Show on Sunday, August 31. The winner will be announced at the Harlow Town Show and in the Harlow Star on September 4.

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Rangers Fact File



NAME: Lois (member 960)
DATE OF BIRTH: June 20, 2005
ADDRESS: Quarry Spring, Harlow
SCHOOL: Jack And Jill's Nursery School
HOBBIES: Going to the park and going round her nanny's
DISLIKES: Going to bed
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese
FAVOURITE BOOK: Kangaroo Goes To The Zoo
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Deaths

PETER CHARLES BUTLER

Passed away 8th July 2008 aged 76 years after a long illness. Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather. Funeral service at Parndon Wood Crematorium on 24th July 2008 at 11am. All enquiries to Abbott and English, Funeral Directors, 15 Highbridge Street, Waltham Abbey EN9 1BZ. Tel: 01992 713000.

BOB CHILD

Passed away peacefully in St Clare's Hospice on 7th July 2008 aged 75 years. Deeply loved Husband of Judy, Father and Grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service to take place on Wednesday 23rd July 2008 at Parndon Wood Crematorium 12.30pm. Flowers or donations for "St Clare's Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 3AL. Tel. 01279 655477.

TOM CORBETT

Sadly passed away on Thursday 3rd July 2008 aged 86 years. Tom will be greatly missed by all his loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel, Harlow on Friday 25th July 2008 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations to 'Cancer Research UK' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel 01279 426990

RON HARRIS

Peacefully in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, after a very short illness, on 7th July 2008, aged 76 years. The beloved husband of Gina, a dear dad to Peter, Lawrence and Debra, and a wonderful and loving grandad and great grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends.

Ron's funeral service is to be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2008 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 2.30pm. Flowers, or donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation. (Cheques made payable to MFH Charities Account). All enquiries, flowers and donations to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

FRED DUNFORD

Never forgotten, am glad myself and great grandchildren got to give you final kiss goodbye. Love always Kerry, Amelia, Kyran xxx

Family Notices
deadline
Tuesday 4pm

PERCY LAW

Sadly passed away on Saturday July 12th aged 89 years. Sadly missed by wife Ada, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral to take place at Harlow Crematorium on Wednesday 6th August, 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to R.N.I.B. c/o Daniel Robinson's.

DOREEN STANLEY-MARTIN

formerly Doreen Stanley. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 8th July 2008, aged 83 years. Much loved wife of Denis. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Harwood Park Crematorium, Stevenage on Monday 21st July 2008 at 2.45pm. Flowers or donations made payable to "St Clare Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QP. Tel 01279 426990.

GERRY WRIGHT

Passed peacefully away on 9th July 2008 aged 86 years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Chapel on Friday 25th July 2008 at 10.30am followed by burial at Parndon Wood Cemetery. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Telephone No: 01279 426990.

ANGELA SKINNER

Passed away peacefully on 13th July 2008, aged 69 years. She will be sadly missed by all her loving family and many friends. Funeral service will take place at Great St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth on Friday 25th July 2008 at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow. Family floral tributes only please but donations if desired may be made payable to the 'St. Clare Hospice' and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9DB. Tel. 01279 722476.

In Memoriam

BILSON George. 18th July Dad 12 years have passed and every day I miss you more, as mum always says, you were one of the best, till we met again we all love and miss you. Eileen, Angela, John, Matthew and Emma xx

BROWN George. Passed away 1999, sadly missed and loved forever. Helen xx

MARY ROSE COOPER

Three years have passed since you went away, I've loved and missed you every day, but memories of you will last forever. Loving you always, John

DAVEY Simon. Thinking of you on your birthday 20th July. Loved and missed. Your name is often spoken. Remembering you always. Mum and Dad.

SALLY DUNN

'La Sal' 8.10.67 - 21.7.07 Manquez votre sourire. Love Terry and your boys.

DUNN Sally. A year has passed, but you are still sadly missed. Love Terri, Travis and Karl. x

STUART FLETCHER

18.7.1948 - 17.02.2005 Remembering you on what would have been your 60th Birthday. Love always Mum & Lainey xxx

STUART FLETCHER

18/07/48 - 17/02/2005 Thinking of you Pops on what would have been your 60th birthday. You are forever in our hearts, Kirstie & Rik xxx

MCCABE Agnes. In loving memory of our dear Mum taken from us 19th July 1991. Your life was love and labour, your love for you family true, you did your best for all of us, we will always remember you. Loved and missed so very much. God Bless. RIP. Love Patrick, Jimmy, Lynne, Mary, Una and Andy x

MCCABE Aggie Nanny. In loving memory of our dear Grandmother always remembered. Love Paddy, Shona, Shannon, Conon and Cavan. x

GREAVES Peter. 17th July 1997. Flowers will die, the sun will set, but you Peter we won't forget. Love from Mum and family.

TERRY MCDERMOTT

You're thought about, loved and missed, each and every day Dad. Love you always, God bless, your children Terry, Alan and Lisa xxx

ALAN PAGE

How can I find the words to say how loving you were? My heart is filled with pride along with all the memories that are locked deep within me. All I wanted in life was to make you happy, make your dreams come true and to love you. I love and miss you Al. Happy birthday for 14th July.

Thanks

ABBOTT Edward (Ted). Janet and the family would like to say a very big thank you for all the support we have had, also for the many cards and the donations given for St. Clare's Hospice in memory of Ted a very popular man. We have been overwhelmed by them. Thank you all so very much.

Acknowledgements

HEDGER

Sheila and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and flowers following Lionel's passing. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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SCHOFIELD Peter of Epping, died suddenly on July 2 2008 aged 74 years. A loving Husband of Yvonne and Father of David, Andrew, Patrick and Michael also Father-in-law and Grandfather of eight. Peter was very much loved and will be sadly missed. At Peter's request a strictly private family cremation is to be held. Donations welcome to "R.S.P.B" or "Save the Children Fund". Two of Peter's favourite charities. Donations and enquiries to Co-Operative Funeralcare, 20 High Street, Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0DW. 01279 441444.

"PICKLE" CONNIE ANNE LANGE
Congratulations darling on your 1st birthday. All our love today and always, Nana and Granddad Mascard

WAYNE MAY IS 40!
Have a great birthday 20/07 Lots of love, Ethan and Joy xxxx

EDWARD WATKINS (Ted)
Jeanne, Deborah and family would like to say thanks to the family friends and neighbours for their flowers, cards and donations to the British Heart Foundation. Also to Marjorie Hale for the lovely service celebrating Ted's life, and to Daniel Robinson for their advice and care. He will be sadly missed by all.

Births

LISA MUSCHAMP
Happy 40th All our love, Rob, Bobbie and Danny xxx

FLYNN : WELLS
Aaron and Sarah Congratulations on the birth of your son Calum on 12.07.08. A wonderful new brother for Kai. Love from all the family xxx

TRICKEY is 30!
23rd July 2008 If only your hairline had lasted as long as you have... Have a great birthday. All our love, Carina, Verena, Joy and Matt xxxxxx

Birthdays

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY GEMMA HART
All our love and best wishes, Mum, Dad, Craig xxx

ANTHON HAPPY 18TH
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Family Announcements



JAKE ALGER

Happy 13th Birthday. Love Mum, Dad and Ellie xxx



REECE BROOKS

18 ON THE 18TH Happy Birthday Love Dad, Kyle, Kim, Tyler, Kurtis and Shelby.



BERT CARTER

Congratulations on your 80th birthday, you're the best, love you. Love Glyn, Alan, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xx



ALBERT CARTER

Happy 80th Dad "Thanks for everything" Love you loads Love Sue, Steve and Jason xxx



DEBBIE COOK

Happy Birthday. Lots of love, Pete and Katie



O.M.G. DANIELLE COOPER is 18 Happy Birthday to a beautiful daughter, granddaughter, sis and auntie. Love you mums, Mum, Dad, Nan, Heidi, Mark, Dave, Gems, Elz, Alf and Harry

COOPER, Danielle. Happy 18th Birthday darling. Our love always. Uncle Arf, Aunt Jan, Uncle Mick, Aunt Trish, Uncle Tony and all your cousins.



JANE KATHERINE CONNOLLY

18 at last! but you will always be our Little Princess. Love you lots, Dad, Mum, Adam, Nan and Papa



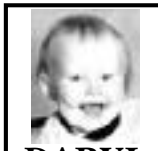
KARIS FITZGERALD

Happy 13th Birthday 20th July 2008 Love you lots Mum, Dad, Yasmin and Tia xxxxx



DARYL GODDARD

Happy 18th on 19th July 2008. Love always, Mum and Dad xx



DARYL

Happy 18th Birthday on 19th July 2008. Love Nan and Grandad xx



ANNELISE JELLMAN

Happy 13th Birthday Princess. Enjoy your teen years. Love you so very much, Nan, Mum, Dad, Kiki, Tom and all the furry guys



ANTHON-MARC JONES

Happy 18th Birthday Babe, congratulations. Love you now, always and forever Mum, Stone, Callum xxxxx



JANET JUDGE

Happy 21st Birthday Lots of love Dad, Karen, Ellie and Congratulations on your Bsc (Hons) degree pass. Well done xxx



'ANNIE JELS IS NOW A TEENAGER'

Goodbye Annie, Hello Kevin! Happy Birthday darling Love Auntie Sue, Uncle Mick, Dave, Gems, Dans, Heidi, Mark, Elz, Alfie and Harry.



EMILY MAY KNOX

Happy 13th Birthday darling. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, James, Nicola, Luke xxxxx



KEELEY MCLAREN

To our beautiful daughter, happy 16th Birthday Lots of love Mum, Dad and Helaina

RAMM Dan. Happy 18th birthday on 20th, love always, Mum, Dad, Brothers.



2ND BIRTHDAY SONNI - JAMES OSCAR BORRETT - SMITH

To our darling Sonni, Happy Birthday Darling Nanny and Pops Love you all the world x x x

Marriages



KIRK : MARSHALL Graham and Karen Congratulations on your Wedding Day, 19th July. Wishing you both every happiness for the future. Love Mum and Dad.



KERRY ANDREWS and GAVIN MASH Congratulations on your Wedding 19th July, with love and every happiness for the future. Love Mum, Jenna, Sam, Faye, Steve xxx

MARSHALL : KIRK. Karen and Graham. Congratulations on your Wedding day. All our love Joanne, Mark, Jamie and Katie. xxxxx

Anniversaries



DAVE AND LYN ALMOND Congratulations on your Pearl Anniversary. Hope you have many more special years to come. Love Julia, Gina, Carly, Tony, Dan and Josh x



Brenda and Dave INGOLD Much love on your Ruby anniversary, from Amy, Milly and Janice.

Exam Congratulations



CONGRATULATIONS KEISHA STEVENS for achieving a 1st Class BA (Hons) Degree. We are all so very proud of you. Love Mum, Dad, Leighton and family xxx

Exam Congratulations

NICOLA GODSAFE Congratulations on your 1st Class Honours Degree. Well done, we are very proud of you. Love from Mum, Dad, Kirstie and Rebecca. xxx

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The Government is constantly telling us to kill our speed to save lives – if they are serious, then perhaps some form of licensing should be introduced for child seat fitters.

Scrapping weekly bin collections not 'brave'

SIR, The new Tory leader of the council is quoted in your paper (*Star*, July 10) as saying "if this means rejecting the Labour policies, we will make brave decisions and stand by them".

So, having attempted to stifle opposition over the issue, councillor Johnson and his merry band are making their "brave" decision to scrap the weekly rubbish collection. Will there be public consultation? No chance, says Johnson ... "too late in the day".

So this fait accompli is now this council's brave decision, whatever the views of the Harlow people may be? Pity the Tories did not spell out their attitude towards the lack of bin collections at the recent local elections in May.

Even the neighbouring Tory authority in Epping has seen the error of its ways and has partially reintroduced weekly households collections. Instead of this, we have the new Conservative dogma in Harlow of "vote blue go green" – whatever that means.

Knowing that the next local elections for Harlow Council are two years away, the local Conservatives may hope to avoid the wrath of the people.

Michael Danvers
Tunmeade, Harlow

SIR, I think that the way the council has announced the scrapping of weekly bin collections is wholly undemocratic – none of the residents have been informed of this change other than via your paper.

Just because the process has been going on for the last 10 months and to stop it and deign to give the public a say would hold up the tendering process is just no excuse.

This is an issue that is precisely why the Tories were put in power, so that we did not get a bunch of little Hitlers dictating to us from the top – but it seems there is to be no change and it makes me wonder who they think is paying their salaries.

D. Tyler
Halling Hill, Harlow

SIR, So now we have a cash crisis, a black hole of £10m and climbing, so what does the new Conservative administration do about it? Why, of course, they must spend more money on wheelie bins for all. Have the wheels come off the new Tory council?

New leader Andrew Johnson, in justification, protests that they had to act now with the tendering process and that is the reason that they will not consult the Harlow residents.

Basically, they dare not consult us because they know what the answer would be! Ask anyone what they think when faced with prospect of dragging a wheelie bin full with two weeks of stinking rubbish over the back step and through the house and having to lower it back onto the front path.

Guy Mitchinson writes in your paper that "the new administration should break with the old. Problems should be aired and shared. Engaging in a mature and honest relationship with the community" (*Letters*, July 10). We should look forward to the dawn of a new era – but don't hold your breath, as it does not apply to wheelie bins.

R.A. Cook
Barn Mead, Harlow

SIR, Perhaps the people of Harlow who voted Conservative in May are now regretting it as the Tory-run council are planning to do what they promised and abolish weekly refuse collections.

Thanks very much! I am a Labour voter and am very angry that as a council tax payer, my rubbish will have to sit around for two weeks instead of one.

Mrs J. Juliff
Five Acres, Harlow

SIR, I agree with Mrs C.A. Usher (*Letters*, July 10) and would like to ask where the people of Harlow are going to put two ugly wheelie bins?

Surely not on their doorsteps, which would be open to abuse and also a health and safety issue as the bins could restrict the entrance to their properties? Also, a row of wheelie bins would be an eyesore.

Most of the gardens in Harlow are not big enough to place these bins; that's if you have access to your back garden.

If the weekly bins collections are to be cancelled, will our community charge be reduced? I doubt it, so the people of Harlow are being ripped off.

Mr B. Hood
Brockles Mead, Harlow

SIR, We are infuriated to read that the council is shelving the weekly collections – if this is the case, we are going to shelve paying our full rate of council tax, which is a staggering amount of £131 a month.

As homeowners, the rubbish collection is the only service we receive from Harlow Council. We and our neighbours get together every three months and clean up the area where we live as we were told we don't get a road-sweeping service within this district. Plus Essex Police force is volunteers and special constables.

So what the hell do we pay council tax for, because we don't see any service around here?

Daniel & Anita Long
Longfield, Harlow

SIR, I voted for the Conservative Party at the last local election thinking that things would improve in Harlow. We now hear that weekly rubbish collections are to stop.

Now wheelie bins – I do not know where we will have to keep them.

The interest of the residents has been cast aside. My Conservative vote was wasted. Our council now does what it likes without considering the people who pay their wages.

Len King
Church Leys, Harlow

Praise for PAH hygiene

Re: 'Healthcheck woe for PAH' (*Star*, June 19) about hygiene standards at the hospital. I

welcome this opportunity to once again emphasise that the Trust has moved to a nationally recognised position of excellence with regard to infection control. A far cry from the situation recently reported.

All our staff have worked tirelessly to bring about the necessary improvements in cleanliness and hygiene standards that have seen the numbers of infection in the hospital tumble to amongst the lowest in the East of England.

On the very day local public concern was raised about a historical self-assessment, our chair was addressing a national NHS conference in Manchester (at the request of the Department of Health itself) to share our success and good practice with the rest of the NHS. In these circumstances, I am sure you would welcome an opportunity to share with the public this positive experience and the pride we feel in what has been achieved in the last year.

We welcome, and indeed invited, external assessment of our infection-control practices and there is absolutely no

question of the Healthcare Commission or successor needing to close any part of our hospital, even though they will have such powers.

One such external assessor, the Department of Health Healthcare Acquired Infections and Cleanliness Division reported as recently as June 6 that: "There is a clear cultural shift within the organisation from our first visit in September 2007" and "performance is excellent in relation to both MRSA and C.Difficile and your commitment to improve further on this performance is recognised".

In relation to our staff, the same Department of Health report commented: "It has been a pleasure to work with an organisation that has been open about the challenges in front of them and has faced them with a determination to succeed".

To date in 2008, the hospital delivered below the national permitted maximum levels of infection in both MRSA and C.Difficile and the massive improvements in the last part of last year have continued into this with infections below expected levels.

Actions which will continue to deliver improvements and will maintain our current status of compliance include our investment of £500,000 in cleaning, the appointment of new infection-control matrons, the regular audit of hand washing and gel use, close working with other healthcare organisations, updated internal investigation processes and staff training and refreshers.

In this positive context, I hope you will see why I was eager to reassure our patients of the safety and care they will receive with us and to celebrate being a leader in infection control.

Chris Pocklington
Chief Executive Officer
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Hamstel Road, Harlow

Start cuts at the top

SIR, I am appalled at the announcement that Harlow Council is £10m in the red (*Star*, July 3).

The new administration are inferring that this has come as a complete surprise to them – didn't they have Conservative councillors on all the committees? Didn't they see what was going on?

As this is the second year running when we have been in the red, doesn't this show that the chief executive and his bunch of directors are not capable of doing the jobs they are they are getting paid extremely high salaries for?

If the money is to be saved, I would suggest looking at those people first; if this was a private company they would have been booted out ages ago.

Another place to look is at the very high expenses that councillors now receive – and why have we paid out for laptops for all the councillors when it appears that they don't know what is happening in front of their eyes?

I'm sure that all of the above will be ignored and, once again, the hard-pressed citizens of Harlow will have to suffer the cutbacks.

Les Coben
Rectory Wood, Harlow

Lady bishops, at last!

SIR, In a debate in the House of Commons in 1931, Labour MP Leah Manning urged the Church of England to appoint women Bishops. So, 77 years on, Leah, your hope may soon be realised!

Ron Bill
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the guide



THE RISE OF THE ROBOT

Cute Wall-e is future Earth's best hope

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Sound boost for ARC from fine arts society

BOTH local arts and education received a boost from the latest generosity of a Harlow society.

An exhibition of local schoolchildren's artworks was on display at the St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, off Market Street, Old Harlow.

The exhibition coincided with the Harlow Decorative and Fine Arts Society handing over £500 to St John's ARC to help pay for its new

state-of-the-art sound system.

The work on display came from Matching Green and Sheering primary schools, which are regularly visited by volunteers from the society to try to help raise the children's appreciation for fine arts.

Together with the organisation's help, the schools then task pupils with thematic art projects, the fruits of which were on display last week. Members of the society then judge

from a shortlist of entries and the winner receives a prize while the winning school receives a monetary gift.

President Betty Bethell said: "Members of the society go into the schools and discuss what project the children will be studying that particular year.

"Volunteers from the society also accompany the children on school trips.

"We have recently visited Henry Moore's home and the Gibberd Gardens."

Mrs Bethell added: "One group got taken to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge and were asked to look at the art of the four different continents Australasia, India, South America and Africa, and explore how the art is different."

The winner of the art project will be chosen by the society next week.

Spirit and greatness in night at the opera

REVIEW

OPERA GALA

Harlow Chorus, Harlow Sportcentre

IT was necessary to be neither an opera buff nor an opera lover to have enjoyed this concert by Harlow Chorus.

Opera Gala could have just as accurately been called *A Lightning Tour Of Grand Opera*, for this was a spirited journey through the most popular of operatic hits.

The programme was packed with favourites from Mozart to Puccini, via Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Rossini, and the excellent Brandenburg Symphony Orchestra accompanied the chorus throughout.

The overture from *The Magic Flute* provided a lively orchestral warm-up to the evening and was quickly followed by operatic set pieces which displayed the deftness of the chorus when it comes to conveying contrasting mood and character.

The sedate *Voyagers' Chorus* from *Idomeneo* was followed by the elegant *Waltz Scene* from *Eugene Onegin* and the bucolic optimism of the *Villagers' Chorus* from *William Tell*.

Tenor Timothy Evans-Jones delighted the audience with his expressive delivery of the familiar aria *Questa o quella* from *Rigoletto* and the even more familiar *Nessun Dorma* from *Turandot*, while fellow soloist, soprano Lee Bisset, thrilled the audience with her evocative delivery of Dvorak's *Song To The Moon* from *Rusalka*.

Opera does not come much grander than Wagner's *Meistersinger* and both the chorus and orchestra rose to the occasion with a powerful rendition of the *Procession and Chorale*.

Verdi, however, not to be outdone, provided excellent competition with the *Chorus Of Hebrew Slaves* from *Nabucco* and *Grand March* from *Aida*, which left chorus and orchestra marching grandly towards a triumphant close.

The grey walls of Harlow Sportcentre were brightened by the artwork of pupils from 10 local schools sharing this exciting operatic celebration.

And with a final and enthusiastically received encore, *The Drinking Song* from *La Traviata*, echoes of great things were left reverberating around the hall.

Laurence Sach

THROUGH A GLASS, COLOURFULLY:

Resident artist Ewa Wawrzniak is pictured with one of her glass pieces during the gallery's open event (photo: HQMCTB3N/01)



Open season on gallery's artists

THE doors to private artists' studios were thrown open to visitors at the weekend as the smell of Parndon Mill Gallery sausages came wafting through.

The gallery, off Elizabeth Way, hosted its annual open exhibition on Saturday and Sunday.

It offered visitors the opportunity to enjoy watching skilled artists and craftspeople in their own environment.

As well as the interesting glimpses behind-the-scenes, and despite the inclement weather, owners Sally Anderson and Roger Lee put on a barbecue for guests, which included their increasingly famous own-brand sausage.

The techniques behind Alan Simpson's ceramics and Liz Boast's prints were on show, as were sculptures and murals.

Sally said: "This is a rare opportunity to meet artists in their working environment and gain an insight into their work and techniques."

arts diary

ART Work by older Harlow students can be viewed at the Gibberd Gallery until Saturday as the free exhibition *Young Contemporaries* continues. The gallery is open weekdays from 9am-5pm and Saturdays from 9am-noon. For more details, call (01279) 446438.

ART Abstract artist Graham Boyd's clever use of paint can still be seen in his free exhibition *Colourwatch*, which continues at The Gallery At Parndon Mill, off Elizabeth Way, until August 10. Opening times are 10am-6pm from Tuesday-Friday, noon-4pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4pm on Sundays. Call (01279) 426042 for further details.

VARIETY Burnt Mill Performing Arts College hosts *A Night At The Movies* tonight (Thursday) at The Playhouse. *Trainspotting* and *Star Wars* are among the big screen classics getting a makeover of fresh song, dance and drama. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7.50 (£5 concs) from (01279) 431945.

ART The *Iconic Art* exhibition of Cliff Matthews continues at Harlow Library until July 29, featuring the artist's representations of John Lennon, Marlene Dietrich and other pop culture figures.

FUNDRAISER The Victoria Hall Theatre is hosting its fundraising Las Vegas Casino Night on Saturday. Full-sized gaming tables, croquiers and cocktails are the attractions, with black tie, feathers and sequins the dress code. The fun starts at 7pm. Tickets are £12, including a drink and fun money, and can be purchased via 07956 211909. Dress code for the evening is black tie, sequins and feathers.

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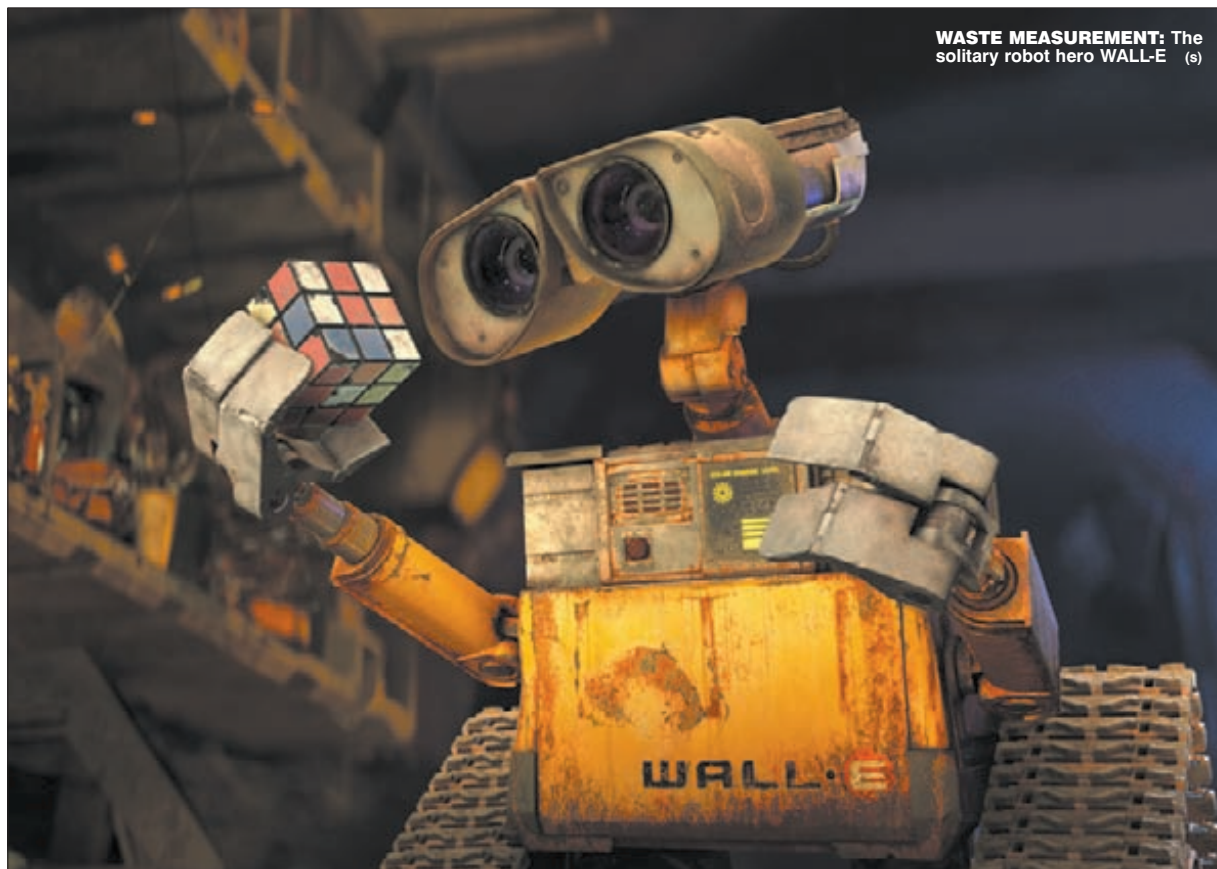
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Lonesome robot finds a short-circuit to love



WASTE MEASUREMENT: The solitary robot hero WALL-E (s)

POST-apocalyptic Earth is the unlikely setting for Pixar's latest CG masterpiece.

The story of lonely, diminutive robot WALL-E (short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class), the last robot still operating on Earth after mankind abandoned ship, is one tale of robot love sure to pull the heartstrings.

Quietly going about the business for which he was programmed – picking up rubbish and compacting it into cubes – his only solace is his vivid imagination, a cockroach friend and a battered video copy of Hello Dolly.

The eco-friendly message is not so much a subtle

WALL-E

certificate U, running time 1h 43m

undertone as an enormous moralistic hammer bludgeoning the film's young audience into choosing a green and pleasant future of recycling, home composting and hover-cars – and the stark contrast between the cute little fella's puppy-dog eyes and the unrecognisable refuse-tip of a planet he inhabits is almost enough to bring a tear to the eye while imploring us not to make the same mistakes as the absent humans in the film. But when sleek female probe droid EVE arrives, the lonesome, misty-eyed automaton begins to

bond with her and soon finds himself falling head over treads in love.

When EVE discovers a small living plant which could be the last remnant of natural life on Earth, she is forced to take samples and return to her mother ship, prompting lovesick WALL-E to follow and shifting the tender, slow-burning rom-com up a gear into a high-octane intergalactic race against oblivion.

Finding on board the self-indulgent, flabby descendants of the humans who abandoned him on their devastated planet hundreds of years ago, he is inadvertently thrust into an heroic voyage with a band of malfunctioning, misfit machines who will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.



Top adventure at Earth's core

JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

certificate 12A, running time 1h 32m

MORE than 85 years on from the cardboard specs appeal of the first 3D films, conquering the mysterious third dimension is all the rage once more.

Following Ray Winstone's rippling *Beowulf* and the inexplicably popular *Hannah Montana* concert film, director Eric Brevig has hopped onto the 3D bandwagon and ridden roughshod over any cynical claims of gimmickry to make the most breathtaking 3D adventure yet.

Sure, it stars doozy goofball Brendan Fraser, pictured above, in the lead role, but you won't even notice as soon as the technical wizardry kicks in and you're dodging dinosaurs, avalanches and even toothpaste as our hero descends into the fantastical lost world at our Earth's core.

Fraser is Trevor Anderson, a learned geology professor whose brother has disappeared while researching 'volcanic tubes' in a remote corner of Iceland.

Acting as temporary surrogate dad to his nephew, Trevor manages to decipher a coded message scribbled in his brother's dog-eared copy of Jules Verne's classic sci-fi yarn (a nice touch) and promptly hot-foots it over to Iceland, where he hooks up with sexy mountain guide Hannah Asgeirsson (Anita Briem) and stumbles across the unassuming gateway to the Earth's core.

With all the thrills and spills you'd expect from a family action/adventure gloriously rendered in 3D, this is superb popcorn cinema with extra bite.

sound check with Oliver Godfrey

UNMISTAKABLY modern, outrageously confident and coolly controlled, The Knaves currently stalk the shady streets of North London after serving their time in the provinces and have matured into a much tighter outfit as a result. Readying themselves for an onslaught of brilliantly constructed, raucous, gritty mod anthems, the four are now releasing their second warts-and-all EP, *Blood And Soul*. A fitting title, it seems, as you can genuinely hear that this dynamic, diversely influenced group have nailed it: compressing the blood, sweat and tears of myriad genres into a chaotic crossroads of spiky guitars, dubby bass and feral vocals. *Victory Road* hits you hard, with its frenetic, infectious hooks, all delivered in a starkly honest and mature way. In terms of approach and songwriting, favourable comparisons with a young Paul Weller are inevitable.



BAND: The Knaves

FROM: North London via East Herts

WHO THEY: Paul Collins (vocals/guitar), Chris Cunningham (guitar), Tom Lewis (bass), Ry Davis (drums)

SOUNDS LIKE: A roguish Paul Weller teaching Alex Turner some new licks

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Small Fakers & Penny Royal

CD reviews by Ben Wilkinson

ALL OR NOTHING

The Subways (album, Infectious)

We once had a reporter who harboured a pathological hatred of The Subways: somewhat strange since everyone else found the listless Welwyn Garden City rockers far too bland to provoke any strong feelings, negative or otherwise. Their 2005 debut *Young For Eternity* was one of those albums you might have bought, listened to once, thought 'this is alright' and then never touched again. This Butch Vig-produced follow-up retains the charm of first album highlights such as *No Goodbyes* but, as a record, boasts much more energy and passion – and the storming riff on opener *Girls & Boys* is a fine testament to that. Perhaps rare for a second album, this marks genuine progress.

DEVILS AND ANGELS

Melee (album, Warner)

Melee – def. a noisy riotous fight. If you consider a lightweight pop cross between Keane and ELO to come within the confines of that definition, then so be it! As one weird West Coast piano-led ballad leads into another homogenous blob of pop, the whole thing drags on far too long and is too geared towards teenage girls of little

also showing

MAMMA MIA! The story of a vacuous bride-to-be trying to find her real father in time for her big day, inexplicably told using hit songs by insufferably kitsch '70s group ABBA.

KUNG FU PANDA Animated hijinx with Jack Black as the voice of Po the kung fu panda, who must transform himself from an overweight, noodle-chomping cook to a master of the martial arts in time to defend his town against a sinister ninja tiger.

HANCOCK Will Smith is the booze-addled, down-and-out superhero who can never save lives without leaving a mess behind, until he determines to get his public image back together.

WANTED James McAvoy stars as an apathetic nobody whose life is transformed when he is recruited into a secret fraternity of assassins to avenge the death of his estranged father.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN The Pevensie siblings return to the magical land of Narnia, where they are enlisted to ward off an evil king and restore the rightful heir to the throne in this superior follow-up to *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*.

RATATOUILLE A rat with lofty aspirations to become a top chef helps the kitchen porter at his favourite Parisian eatery save the restaurant from being shut down in this fabulous CG comedy.

THE GAME PLAN Duane 'The Rock' Johnson is a high-flying American football star forced to reassess his hedonistic lifestyle when his daughter comes to stay.

preview



THE DARK KNIGHT The Caped Crusader is back and better than ever in Christopher Nolan's bleakly beautiful sequel to the imperious *Batman Begins*. Less existentialist coming-of-age drama and more a full-on, frenetic crime thriller, this is that rarest of cinematic delicacies – a visual feast that satisfies cerebral needs.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Brutal chemistry of blood and oil

THERE WILL BE BLOOD

(Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, 15, retail & rental)

Director Paul Thomas Anderson's epic tale of oil and greed is an astonishing experience, in the same breath recalling the grandeur of Hollywood's golden age while charting wholly new cinematic territory.

The first 15 minutes of the film are a wordless, striking evocation of a hostile landscape rendered all the more alien by the unique orchestral score from Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood, which can only call to mind the dreamy intensity of the *Dawn Of Man* sequence in *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Within this barren, brutal environment, we find lone prospector Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis), a man who appears as relentless and hard as the rocks into which he tunnels in search of silver; suffering a heart-stopping fall, he drags his broken body and the fruits of his labour across the desert to the nearest assaying office to register his claim.

By the turn of the century, he's back with a modest crew and engaged in the harsh, dangerous business of drilling for oil. Following the death of a miner, Plainview quixotically adopts the man's orphaned boy and sets off into the world to build his empire on black gold.

Eventually, his unflinching nose brings him to Little Boston, an arid hick town of struggling farmers only too keen to sell-up, but in pursuit of the ocean of oil beneath his feet he encounters a force almost as potent as himself in the form of Eli Sunday (Paul Dano), a frenzied preacher who leads an obscure Christian sect.

Plainview sweet-talks them with promises of the prosperity that will come their way in the form of trade, roads, schools and donations to the church – but once the oil starts to flow, precious little trickles down to the bottom of the social ladder.

For all the majesty of its photography and the Spartan intensity of its superb script, there's no denying that Day-Lewis owns *There Will Be Blood*. In Plainview, he's crafted an utterly compelling character of Shakespearean dimensions, a man able to use his forthright, measured enunciation, homely manner and the appeal of his adoptive child HJ to gull small town folk into selling cheaply so he can start burrowing down for the oil they never knew they stood on.

But beneath his pleasant exterior and cut-and-thrust business acumen is something far beyond mere rapacious greed, a dark void of loathing for his fellow man that he just can't seem to fill.

It's a credit to Day-Lewis that Plainview initially strikes one as cut from the same cloth as Charles Foster Kane, but as events unfold he slyly hints at the character's more demonic aspects, callously abandoning HJ when the boy is permanently deafened in a drilling accident, threatening to cut the throat of a business rival in his bed for daring to pass comment on his family.

Amid all the painstakingly accurate recreation of the pioneer days of the industry, the blunt brutality of these moments come as a shock even as they lay the groundwork for the promise of the film's title.

In adapting Upton Sinclair's novel *Oil!*, Anderson effortlessly (and perhaps inevitably) invites



comparison with our own age and the ever-growing greed for oil which poisons our physical world and entails so much brutality – while also posing the conundrum as to whether Plainview is the way he is because the necessity of being the perfect capitalist has made him that way, or whether he's ideal for the role because he's already such a damaged creature.

Star rating: ★★★★★

THE FUKASAKU COLLECTION

(Tartan Video, 15, retail)

Best known to contemporary audiences for his show-stopping, bloody action film *Battle Royale*, Japanese director Kinji Fukasaku's been in the industry for a long time and this set – the last hurrah for the now sadly folded Tartan Films – collects three of his quirky earlier efforts.

Blackmail Is My Life (1968) is a hyper-hip caper about a group of dapper young daredevils who operate as a blackmail gang because they feel excluded from Japan's burgeoning economic good times and don't see why they shouldn't get a slice of the action.

But when they get between corrupt politicians and

the yakuza, events take a turn for the worse and their hedonistic thrills become a drive for revenge.

Boasting a great rock 'n' roll soundtrack, a gorgeous if whacked-out colour palette and the kind of kinetic, twitchy editing style employed by Euro trash guru Jess Franco, it's great entertainment with a serious undertone to boot.

Black Rose Mansion (1969) is a far more camp, overheated affair, with singer Black Rose hired at an exclusive men's club only for homicidal past lovers to be drawn to her intoxicating flame. As even the owner's young son succumbs to her allure, the body count stacks ever higher and the heady atmosphere practically swims in unbridled lust.

Its melodramatic excesses rightly earn it a comparison to the delirium-tinged lunacy of John Waters in his pre-fame days with *Divine*.

Finally, *If You Were Young* (1970) is a more stylised, gloomy take on refugees from the economic miracle, with a group of young men who just can't get jobs buying a dump truck to go into business for themselves, only to stumble blindly into a different set of obstacles which look certain to stamp their dreams flat.

Star rating: ★★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

objective Euterpean persuasion. There's no doubt it's the songwriting, lackadaisical and unoriginal, that lets what is a fairly talented bunch of musicians down.

BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Disarm (album, Imprint)

Hailing from deepest, darkest Mexborough, you'd be forgiven for thinking these try-hard Yorkshire glam-punkers' only contact with heavy metal would have been down t'steel mill. Unfortunately, they've clearly been raised on a diet of hair metal, thrash and glam-rock, which has ultimately led to the demonic creation of this breakneck debut. Imagine the New York Dolls played backwards at triple speed, throw in a dash of Hanoi Rocks, a pinch of Mötley Crüe and a liberal splash of Slade ... *et voila*, you get Disarm.

IS IT GOOD FOR YOU?

Bo-Peep (album, Flightpath)

No, it isn't, because we all know what happens when

you grow up listening exclusively to '90s grunge – you start wearing ill-fitting checked shirts, grow your hair so long you can't be bothered to wash it anymore, all the girls point and laugh and your parents disown you. But not in Bo-Peep's homeland of Japan, where Nirvana have apparently just released their debut album and everyone's still listening to Lubricated Goat. This isn't that bad, just extremely dated, comprising rehashed riffs, unwashed vocals and formulaic if brutal drum patterns that you've heard a thousand times before.

YOU WILL LEAVE A MARK

A Silent Film (single, Xtra Mile)

Based on a piano loop which sounds uncannily like *Smokers Outside The Hospital Door* by Editors, one could almost mistake this for an upbeat, high tempo remix of that very track. But its catchiness bodes well for the prospects of the forthcoming debut album from the Oxfordshire boys who, on this evidence, are basically Keane with cooler haircuts.



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RADICALLY improving a car is relatively easy. Changing public perception is a whole different matter.

Honda is in the process of repositioning itself from a commodity manufacturer to one whose products are a notch or two above the mainstream.

That's the aspiration at least, but while the products are all falling into place nicely, is the brand strong enough to sustain this premium approach?

We asked some sample customers whether they thought our long-term Civic 2.2 i-CTDi held its own against typical premium rivals.

Even as recently as four years ago, if asked to name the Civic's rivals, anybody in the know would have identified cars such as the Ford Focus, Peugeot 307, Toyota Corolla and Renault Megane. It was only with the launch of the latest Accord in 2002 that it became apparent that Honda was looking for bigger fish to fry.

This car marked a departure from the company's previous mainstream approach. When the sixth-generation Accord was launched, the reedy, rather two-dimensional feel of previous Accord models was consigned to history. Honda had built a heavyweight contender.

In order to reinforce the premium feel, Honda ditched the budget engines, giving the Accord a

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heftier lead-in price than mainstream offerings. The fact that the 2.0-litre and 2.4-litre models were still much the same price as an equivalent Vectra or Mondeo was by the by. The seed was sown in the public's mind that the Accord was a more prestigious piece of machinery.

This groundwork is paying off with the Civic. Buoyed by a series of highly acclaimed advertisements charged with building Honda's brand recognition, the Civic is a far more radical proposition than the Accord and, as such, marked a real gamble on Honda's part.

Given that the average Civic buyer was well into their 40s prior to the introduction of the latest model, the adventurous styling ran the risk of alienating existing customers.

In order to achieve its ends, Honda was willing to take those odds — and so far, the results are promising.

The Civic petrol was the biggest retail seller in its category in February 2006, yet residual values remained strong. The retail sector is always an important indicator of a car's relative desirability and the Civic had passed its first test. The acid test was whether company car user choosers who had the choice of a Honda, an Audi or a Golf would turn their back on the Vaterland.

Honda Civic i-CTDi range



Insurance group	10-11
CO ₂ emissions	135-140g/km
Performance	0-60mph 8.6s / max 127mph
Fuel consumption (1.6 l10) (combined)	55.4mpg
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Status counts for a lot here. Company car buyers have traditionally valued brand equity, often favouring base models of premium brands over well-equipped mainstream alternatives. One only has to look at the rise in sales of compact executive models over traditional company fare like Mondeos, 407s and Vectras to see what Honda is up against.

In 1996 this sector of the market accounted for 24.6 per cent of UK sales. By 2005 it had shrunk to just 17.5 per cent. Ford built half as many Mondeos in 2005 as it did as recently as 2001. These days, the BMW 3 Series outsells the Vauxhall Vectra and cars like the VW Passat and Audi A4 register more sales than the Peugeot 407 or the Renault Laguna. Badge equity is vital and Honda still has some work to do.

We interviewed a focus group of six owners who had either bought VW Golfs and Audi A3s privately or selected them as company cars. The aim was to discover whether they felt the Civic represented a

viable alternative.

All were impressed by the car's innovation, the fact that it offered more equipment for the money and, surprisingly, that it was a better drive than their Golf or A3.

Some experts have carped about the fact that the Civic has reverted to a torsion beam rear suspension from a fully-independent system, complaining that this is a retrograde engineering step given Honda's technical acumen, but none of our target group complained about this. In fact, all but one of the respondents felt the Civic's ride and handling to be superior to the German cars. It certainly trumps them for value for money. If you've been granted a £20,000 budget, it's not going to get a whole lot of Audi A3 diesel. The 1.9-litre engine is too old and rough to bother with and the only 2.0-litre option under the budget is the base model.

With the same 138bhp power output as the Honda, you'll have to live without the dual zone climate control, the refrigerated glove box,

cruise control, rain-sensing wipers, front foglights, DVD sat nav and even something as basic as a stereo that plays CDs is extra.

By contrast, a Civic 2.2 i-CTDi EX includes all this kit. You'll even be able to specify the optional leather interior, panoramic glass roof and metallic paint and still get change from £20,000.

It's worth making the point, however, that the most unreconstructed badge snobs will drive around in a car as poorly appointed as a Bulgarian thrift store if the insignia on the front is right. That's Honda's challenge and the signs are it's winning the battle.

After a drive in our well-specified Civic, four of the six respondents reckoned they would choose Honda next time over their German alternative.

One would never budge, feeling that, if anything, he was looking to trade up to a Mercedes or a BMW, while the other was undecided and professed to know little about cars.

This is a real factor. Many customers choose the German brands because they're afraid of making what might be perceived as the 'wrong' buying decision among peers and, lacking in-depth product knowledge, plump for the safe option.

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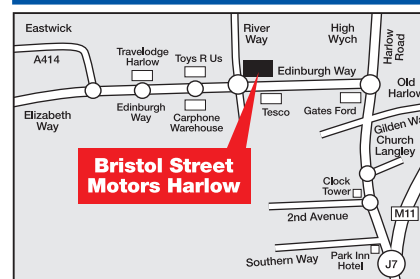


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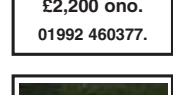


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Essex County Council

(HOBBS CROSS ROAD, HARLOW)
 (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

EFFECT OF THE ORDER: To temporarily close a section of footpath on Hobbs Cross Road, in the District of Harlow for an approximate length of 102 metres (full width) outside Churchgate Primary School, on the school side of the road including school entrance. The closure will where possible be phased either side of the current zebra crossing to maintain its use.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 28 July 2008 for 10 weeks or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst works to reconstruct the school boundary wall is undertaken.

The alternative route will be via the footpath on the opposite side of the road, on the far side of the brook fronting No.s 1 to 12 Burnside Terrace, Hobbs Cross Road.

Access will be maintained for emergency a service vehicles, residents and visitors all times during the closure.

The Order will come into effect on 28 July 2008 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Dated: 27 July 2008.

County Hall
 Chelmsford

Tony Ciaburro

Director of Development, Highways & Transportation

Essex County Council

MARRIAGE ACT 1994 & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex County Council has received an application for the approval of the undermentioned premises as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages in pursuance of Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949, or for the registration of civil partnerships in pursuance of Section 6 (3A)(a) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

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Name of applicant: **SPIRIT GROUP LTD**

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Dated: 17 July 2008.

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Philip Thomson
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 Proper Officer for Registration Matters

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

IN BANKRUPTCY

Bankruptcy Orders have been made in the undermentioned Courts against the following (note: all debts due to the estate should be paid to me):

HERTFORD COUNTY COURT

No. 129 of 2007 RE: **CHRISTOPHER PAUL BEATON** Unemployed, residing at 54 Malkin Drive, Church Langley, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9WH, and lately of 35 Evanston Avenue, London E4 9JS. I intend to pay within four months from 13 August 2008 (being the last day for proving) the first and final dividend of 4.54 p/c. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must do so by 13 August 2008 otherwise they will be excluded from the dividend. The required proof of debt form is available on the insolvency website (www.insolvency.gov.uk, select Forms) and then form 6.37. Alternatively, you can contact my office at PO Box 490, Ipswich, IP1 1YR telephone 01473 383535 to supply a form.

L Thomas, Official Receiver and Trustee, RTU, P.O. Box 490, Ipswich IP1 1YR

No. 322 of 2008 RE: **MARTIN NEAL DAVIS** Unemployed, residing at 12 The Dashes, Harlow, Essex, CM20 3RP

No. 709 of 2007 RE: **MICHAEL DAVIS** Unknown occupation residing at Flat 1, 20 The Rows, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1BZ and lately of 35 Davenport, Church Langley, Harlow, Essex CM17 9TF.

No. 124 of 2008 RE: **TONY WATERS** Unknown occupation, residing at Motorzone House, Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AR

No. 331 of 2008 RE: **MARTIN WOOSTER** a General Assistant residing at The Folly, Amwell Lane, Great Amwell, Ware, Herts, SG12 9SS

No. 332 of 2008 RE: **WENDY JOY KIRK** Unemployed residing at 2 Sealwads, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9JN.

No. 323 of 2008 RE: **ELAINE ROSE COOTES** Unemployed residing at 190 Hookfield, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6QW.

No. 342 of 2008 RE: **LEE WILLIAM DAVID JARVIS** a Security Guard residing at 38 Red Lion Crescent, Harlow, Essex CM17 9BM

Mr A Hannon, Official Receiver, 2nd Floor, Abbeygate House, 164-167 East Road, Cambridge CB1 1DB

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FEMALE 45, 5ft 2ins, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, N/S, likes travel, walks, meals out, seeks male, 42-52 for shared times. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 246952

ATTRACTIVE curvy blonde, 43, 5ft 11ins, seeks 6ft plus, N/S male with positive outlook for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 266158

COUNTRY lady, 50, slim, fit, N/S, Christian, likes animals, motor sport, aviation, seeks likeminded, single male, 49-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 249652

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BRUNETTE 45, tall, slim, likes meals out, walks, nights in, seeks kind, caring male. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 257593

ATTRACTIVE petite female, 50's, 5ft 2ins, dark hair, GSOH, N/S, likes animals, pubs, days out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 256018

LOYAL female, 43, likes countryside, meals out, cooking, badminton, pool, pubs, music, seeks similar male, 40-46 for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 256859

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MALE 51, 5ft 11ins, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enthusiastic, seeks similar female. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 323400

34YR old male, new to area, attractive, adventurous, outgoing, loving, seeks female with similar qualities, aged 18-35. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 321884

MALE 62, likes most things, seeks female, 55-62 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 322642

MALE 51, medium build, dark hair, 5ft 8ins, likes meals out, nights in, seeks attractive female with GSOH to look after and care for. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 322052

GENUINE caring, reliable, N/S, active male, early 60's, many interests, seeks slim, positive, warm hearted female of similar age. Tel No: 0905 436 0516 Box No: 318370

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Club hoping for the return of injured Osagie

HARLOW Athletic Club will be hoping 800m runner Andrew Osagie will be fit to come back for their last men's Southern division three match at Walthamstow on August 2.

Osagie, who gained a Great Britain Vet last year, has been ruled out with a foot injury this season and has been much missed. In their penultimate match on Saturday, an under-strength men's team held their home match at Gosling Stadium, in Welwyn Garden City, where they came last despite an excellent 12 wins.

The continued injuries to Dave Bauer and Andrew Osagie, as well as the absence of key athletes Carl Paxman, Derek Glover, Craig Snook, Brian Cannon and Scott Daniel, contributed to the disappointing result.

The highlights were the five wins and a second from newcomer Adam Bishop and a nine-event marathon from Glen Paxman.

Match results: 1st Braintree 123; 2nd Vale of Aylesbury 116.5; 3rd Barnet & Trent Park 113.5; 4th Harlow 108.

● FOR full report, please see www.harlowstar.co.uk.

Frustrating draw in rain for Epping

EPHING were frustrated as they were held to a draw at Woodford Green in Saturday's rain-affected Shepherd Neame Essex League division three match.

The visitors batted first and scored 248-3 from 44 overs before Epping skipper Shahid Majeed declared.

Epping were indebted to Jason Whiteing, who struck 114 not out and added 198 for the second wicket with Dean Majeed (94).

In reply, Woodford got back only 31 overs as 45 minutes was trimmed from the game because of rain.

However, the hosts only scored 72-2 because of their cautious tactics.

Kirby hoping to tempt a striker

RYAN Kirby is hopeful he can tempt ex-Hornchurch striker Jamie Richards to join Harlow Town.

The Hawks boss has wanted to strengthen his strike force after the team struggled to get goals in their first season in the Ryman Premier Division last term.

Kirby said: "He trained with us on Saturday and is happy with what we have said. We have played against him and he works hard. He will give us pace and will be more effective for us."

Midfielder Kenny Davis has gone on tour with Blue Square Premier Club Grays

Athletic but Kirby is pleased with the shape his squad are in as they prepare to start their pre-season campaign with two home games.

Harlow's first game is against league one club Southend United this Saturday, followed by one against league two club Barnet on Tuesday.

Kirby said: "Our players have looked after themselves and have come back in good condition. They know what to expect this season."

"They will be good tests and we have been told that Barnet are bringing a strong side."

Meanwhile, Harlow also look forward to their league campaign which starts at

home against Sutton United (relegated from Blue Square South last season) on August 16.

Fixtures at Tonbridge Angels (August 19) and Maidstone United (August 23) come after that, followed by Dartford (home, Bank Holiday Monday, August 25) and Horsham (away, August 30).

"Sutton struggled last year but have a good budget. I do not think they will be as strong as Chelmsford or AFC Wimbledon," said Kirby. "Plenty of questions will be answered after these games."

Harlow have also been drawn to face either Hanwell Town or Wootton Blue Cross or Aveley at home in the 1st qualifying round of the FA Cup on September 13.



IN THE SWING: Kirk Elliott batting for Potter Street (photo: Z3M7SYLW05)

Harlow Town bounce back with a solid win

LEADERS Harlow Town bounced back from last week's surprise defeat at Elsenham by beating local rivals Potter Street on Saturday.

Harlow Town won the toss and opted to field first on an overcast day. A delayed start meant the game was cut to 41 overs per side.

Danny Calver made an early breakthrough for the home side by removing dangerous opener Chandan Katoch for one run in the second over. Potter Street, unbeaten in five games, continued their shaky start and were 34-3 after Kirk Elliott's strike was brilliantly caught one-handed by

Potter Street & Church Langley 126, Harlow Tn 127-4

Harlow Tn won by 6 wickets

(Lord's International Herts & Essex Cricket League Div 3)

skipper Vic Goddard.

The visitor's fourth wicket proved to be more productive, with skipper Mushtaq Ahmad playing aggressively and taking the score to 102 before Vic Goddard came on to remove Shaurya Bastola leg before wicket.

Some tight bowling from Goddard and left-arm spinner Simon Rowell saw

Potter Street collapse to 126 all out, with figures of 3-5 and 2-13 respectively for the two bowlers.

Harlow Town's reply got off to a swift start, with Karl Secharan hitting a rapid 25. The whole of the top order contributed to the tally, with the winning runs being hit by 15-year-old Darryl Pettingell (12 not out).

Harlow Town finished the match with eight overs and six wickets to spare.

● **HARLOW** Town seconds (120-9) beat Farnham (118, Terry Blackwell 4-27) by one wicket, with Shane Hooper and Ollie Souter adding an unbroken 18 for the last wicket in division five.

Steve holds on to his crown as the club's best

FIFTEEN-year-old Steve Jones successfully defended his crown as club champion at Canons Brook Golf Club at the weekend. He recorded a gross score of 145 (1 under par) over 36 holes, beating the runner-up Dion Keyser by three strokes while Alan Smith won the handicap prize.

It followed Jones's 10th place in England Boys U-16's championship from a field of more than 130 players.

Sunday saw the Glasgow Quiaich competition for players of handicaps between 11-18. Playing off scratch, the winner was Robert Neate with a gross score of 83, beating the runner-up Tom Breheny by one stroke.

Saturday saw the Hyde Harvey Stableford competition for higher handicap players and two players scored a remarkable 45 points each. Norman Bell was triumphant on countback, beating Dean Hollyoake by virtue of a better back nine holes.

Other results: Club Championship: 3rd Darren Pegram, gross 150; 4th Andrew Thomson, gross 151.

Glasgow Quiaich: 3rd Terry Munro, gross 85; 4th Alan Callaghan, gross 86; handicap prize Alan Callaghan.

Hyde Harvey: 3rd Paul Johnson-Walker, 39 points; 4th Gary Read, 39.

Sawbo lose out by three wickets

SAWBRIDGEWORTH lost by just three wickets to leaders Potters Bar in division two east of the Home Counties Premier League.

The visitors batted first and scored 215, with the highlight being a fifth wicket stand of 129 between Andrew Richardson (67) and Joe Rudkin (59).

In reply, Bar were given an excellent platform by openers Steve Gale and Nesan Jeyaratnam (32), who put on 99 for the first wicket.

Gale made 64 and, although wickets fell steadily, useful contributions from Adam Norman (27) and skipper Leonard Cooper (32) helped them clinch victory.

Polly takes 10th in championship

HARLOW Athletic Club member Polly Woods came 10th in the Intermediate category of the triple jump (10.73m) at the English Schools Championship in Gateshead.

Sam Watts (Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth) was 4th in the Intermediate 100m (11.17s) and Mark Hunt from Harlow was 2nd in the senior boys 400m (48.04s, personal best).

Fixtures

SATURDAY JULY 19

Football

Friendly: Harlow Tn v Southend Utd XI (3pm KO).

Cricket

Home Counties Premier League, div two east: Sawbridgeworth v Langleybury.

Shepherd Neame Essex League, div two: Harlow v Loughton.

Div three: Epping v Billericay.

2nd XI, div two: Wickford v Harlow.

3rd XI, div one: Harlow v Ardleigh Green.

4th XI: Ilford v Harlow.

Lords International Herts & Essex League, div three: Essendon v Harlow Tn, Potter Street v South Loughton II.

Div five: Harlow Tn II v Bishop's Stortford IV.

Div seven: Harlow Tn III v Albury, Little Bardfield v Potter Street II.

SUNDAY JULY 20

Cricket

Herts County Cup, 2nd rnd: Sawbridgeworth v Bishop's Stortford

TUESDAY JULY 22

Football

Friendly: Harlow Tn v Barnet (7.45pm KO).

ALAN Broughton was the first Harlow Running Club member to finish the Felsted 10k.

He clocked 37m 48s and was followed home by club colleagues Alan Wise (38:14, 28th), Roy Steven (38:44, 34th), Justin Revell (39:05, personal best (pb), 41st) and Colin Moody

(39:23, 46th).

The event was won by Bertie Powell from Woodford Green and Essex Ladies in 32:08.

Other Harlow RC times: John Tennant 40:32, 59th; Andrew Terrell 40:53, 67th; David Ayling 41:09, 70th; John Evans 41:58,

81st; Grahame Thomas 42:30, 91st; Kieran Collins 44:03, 114th; Steve Ambrose 44:11 (pb), 119th; Sean Flynn 45:20 (pb), 147th; Sharon Wright 45:48, 158th; Jon Steadman 45:55, 162nd; David Croly 47:14 (pb), 182nd; Vicky Steadman 48:12, 200th; Matthew Jones 48:19,

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Tennis coach John nets Youth Games role



JOHN MORRIS: "I don't think there is any greater achievement than captaining your country"
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A TENNIS coach from Harlow has been handed the honour of captaining the England team at the Commonwealth Youth Games in India later this year.

John Morris (26), who coached one youngster through to the quarter-finals of the Wimbledon junior boys tournament earlier this month, was headhunted by Paul Hutchins, former Great Britain Davis Cup captain and head of the English Lawn Tennis Association, to take on the role.

England could take two boys to Asia for the Games which take place from October 12-18 in Poon.

Morris, of Ram Gorse, will take Birmingham's Lewis Barnes (18) who reached the last eight in the Wimbledon boys event and one other youngster.

The pair will play singles and doubles

matches and Morris believes they have a great chance of returning with a medal.

Australia and Canada are two of the nations that stand in their way. A total of 71 nations and 1,400 athletes will compete in the Games.

Morris, who was runner-up in the British Tennis Coach of the Year last year, has previously captained Great Britain teams abroad for the LTA but described his latest achievement as a massive honour.

"I'm looking forward to it," he told the **Star**. "I was honoured to be asked. It's going to be an amazing experience for me but also for the boys. There are unbelievable facilities including a 20,000-seat athletics stadium and a 4,000-seat centre court."

"Paul [Hutchins] asked me to do it; he was the one who put me up for the Coach of the Year award. I don't think there is any greater achievement than captaining your country."

Morris has worked for the past four years as a full-time coach at the LTA High Performance Centre Batchwood in St Albans and a similar school at Gosling Park in Welwyn Garden City.

He also travels all over the world coaching his young players at various competitions and

Grand Slam events.

It was the second year running that Morris had coached a youngster through to the last eight of the Wimbledon boys competition. The previous year Hatfield's George Coupland, who was the British U-18 number one, reached the quarter-finals.

The Hertfordshire 18-year-old, a giant already at 6ft 6ins tall, is now training in America and hopes to qualify for the Wimbledon men's singles next year when he could challenge the likes of Raphael Nadal and Roger Federer – with Morris by his side.

And Morris, who began coaching at Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club when he was 18, has high hopes for two local young tennis players. He coaches Epping's Faris Akhazzan (17) and Sawbridgeworth's Katherine Whiteaway (14).

Akhazzan went out of the Wimbledon boys competition in the first round and is now competing in Thailand, while highly-rated Whiteaway could well follow in the footsteps of Wimbledon girls champion and new star Laura Robson when she competes at the All-England Club next year.

Harlow falter in promotion bid

Shenfield 278-4

Harlow 193 all out

(Harlow lost by 85 runs)

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THE wilting Harlow team face a crucial game when they take on fellow promotion contenders Loughton at home this Saturday as they seek to arrest their sliding campaign. Loughton are second, one place above Harlow who lost their third consecutive game after sliding to a heavy defeat at Shenfield.

With two sides going up at the end of the season, Harlow skipper James Butler was in bullish mood ahead of this weekend's fixture.

"It is perhaps the most important game for both teams," he said. "It is a huge game and the lads cannot wait."

Shenfield batted first on Saturday and started well, with Aussie dangerman David

Griffith playing positively for his 71.

The hosts pushed on well throughout their middle order with the experienced Danny Hazle striking the ball well to reach 74 and John Walker scoring an unbeaten 61 not out. Shenfield eventually finished with 281-4. No Harlow bowler took more than a wicket apiece.

In reply, Harlow's Nick Butler had only 12 on the scoreboard when he was bowled by Griffith and when Odedra was run out for 21 the visitors were up against it.

The in-form Waqas Akhtar was dismissed LBW to Ryan Lugg before Haroon Khan and James Butler staged a recovery with a partnership of 43.

Butler was eventually trapped lbw for 21 while Khan nicked to slip for 21.

Harlow's lower order were unable to replicate their early season form and Harlow slipped to a disappointing total of 193.

Disappointed skipper Butler added: "We bowled well but just couldn't put together a

partnership. 278 was a lot of runs to chase but was certainly something we felt was achievable."

● In division one of the 2nd XI Championship, third-from-bottom Harlow (132) crashed to a 86-run defeat against Shenfield (218-8, L. Monger 5-45).

Harlow (196-7) beat Chingford (194-8d) by three wickets in division one of the 3rd XI Championship while in the 4th XI West, Harlow (146) lost by eight wickets to Loughton (149-2).

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